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DUCK STAMP SALES SHOW SLIGHT DIP IN FISCAL YEAR 1954

Duck stamp sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954, dipped slightly below the previous year's all-time high record, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today.

A total of 2,271,430 stamps of the 1953-54 issue was sold to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to the final figures recently supplied to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps.

The 1954 total represents a drop of 25,198 below last year's record of 2,296,628.

California, which had headed the list for the past five years, yielded first place to Texas with a total of 230,391, an increase of 79,271 over fiscal year 1953.

Over high-ranking States in which more than 100,000 stamps were sold included California with 193,126; Minnesota, 154,004; Michigan, 137,225; Wisconsin, 131,029; and Illinois, 114,914.

Many stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., reported sales of 12,824 stamps during fiscal year 1954 of that year's issue. In 1952-53, Philatelic Agency sales amounted to 12,987.

The sales of duck stamps for the 1953-54 season at post offices in the 48 States, Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., are listed below in the first column. For comparative purposes, the figures for the 1952-53 season appear in the second column.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1952-53</u>
Alabama	17,699	17,962
Alaska	10,009	8,302
Arizona	9,938	11,982
Arkansas	25,466	61,091
California	193,126	214,456
Colorado	39,048	40,192
Connecticut	7,776	7,327
Delaware	6,737	6,351
District of Columbia	2,079	1,923
Florida	30,378	26,517

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Georgia	8,599	8,320
Hawaii	8	16
Idaho	39,224	38,927
Illinois	114,914	119,873
Indiana	41,751	43,137
Iowa	70,510	54,396
Kansas	49,133	50,789
Kentucky	14,936	17,366
Louisiana	34,103	83,072
Maine	13,262	12,703
Maryland	25,184	23,082
Massachusetts	19,506	16,645
Michigan	137,225	136,306
Minnesota	154,004	163,109
Mississippi	18,938	19,043
Missouri	50,626	61,668
Montana	31,608	34,676
Nebraska	52,472	60,194
Nevada	11,888	11,867
New Hampshire	5,107	4,445
New Jersey	25,937	28,364
New Mexico	10,497	11,405
New York	73,112	59,455
North Carolina	28,941	28,069
North Dakota	43,409	45,925
Ohio	43,081	42,625
Oklahoma	52,611	42,706
Oregon	73,268	73,327
Pennsylvania	46,006	43,931
Philatelic Agency (D. C.)	12,824	12,987
Puerto Rico	243	220
Rhode Island	3,098	2,927
South Carolina	14,139	14,295
South Dakota	49,679	55,270
Tennessee	33,200	35,060
Texas	230,391	151,120
Utah	36,298	34,972
Vermont	4,341	4,017
Virginia	24,269	20,549
Washington	86,031	83,913
West Virginia	2,335	2,612
Wisconsin	131,029	134,351
Wyoming	<u>11,437</u>	<u>12,897</u>
Total	2,271,430	2,296,628

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